



## Prescription Drug Assistance Programs at a Glance

### State Programs

Program	Prescriptions Covered	Income Guidelines	Benefit	Contact & Misc. Info
<b>SeniorCare Illinois</b>	Most prescription medications	Illinois resident; Citizen or qualified non-citizen; Age 65; Income of no more than \$19,140 for individual; \$25,660 for a married couple	Co-pay \$1 for generic, \$4 for brand-name. \$1,750 cap then participant pays 20% cost of prescription plus the co-pay.	Health Benefits Hotline: 1-800-226-0768 <a href="http://www.seniorcareillinois.com">www.seniorcareillinois.com</a>  Ill. Dept. on Aging, Senior HelpLine: 1-800-252-8966
<b>Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance</b>	10 disease categories: Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, heart and blood pressure problems, lung disease and smoking-related illnesses, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis, and Parkinson's disease	Age 65 or have a disability; Income of less than \$21,218 for individual; \$28,480 for a couple (250% of poverty level)	No co-pay with \$5 annual card.  \$3 co-pay with \$25 annual card.  \$2,000 cap; then participant pays 20% of cost of prescription and co-pay.	Ill. Dept. on Aging: 1-800-624-2459 <a href="http://www.revenue.state.il.us/circuitbreaker">www.revenue.state.il.us/ circuitbreaker</a>  <a href="http://www.state.il.us/aging/pharm-assist_cbpa.htm">www.state.il.us/aging/pharm- assist_cbpa.htm</a>
<b>Illinois Rx Buying Club</b> (\$10 fee)	All medications on this program's official list	Age 65 or have a disability; Income not a factor; Cost: \$10  Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance participants are automatically enrolled	Six-month history shows an average of 24% savings on FDA-approved drugs with participating pharmacies or by mail-order.	1-866-215-3462 1-866-215-3479 (TTY) <a href="http://www.IllinoisRxBuyingClub.com">www.IllinoisRxBuyingClub.com</a>  Ill. Dept. on Aging, Senior HelpLine: 1-800-252-8966 <a href="http://www.state.il.us/aging">www.state.il.us/aging</a>
<b>I-SaveRx</b>	100 of the most common brand- name medications	No age or income guidelines	Average savings of 25 - 50% on medications from pharmacies in Canada, the United Kingdom and Ireland.	1-866-I-SAVE33  <a href="http://www.I-SaveRx.net">www.I-SaveRx.net</a>

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## Federal Programs

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<b>Medicare</b> (limited prescription coverage)	Immunosuppressive drugs for a Medicare-covered organ transplant, certain anti-cancer treatment and antiemetic (anti-nausea) drugs	No income guidelines	Medicare pays 80% under Part B. Any co-pays and deductibles apply.	www.medicare.gov  Ill. Dept. of Insurance, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP): 1-800-548-9034
<b>Medicare Rx Card</b> (optional)	All FDA approved medications  New federal law prohibits Medicare from using large purchases to leverage savings.	No income guidelines for \$30 card.  To qualify for the \$600 credit, you may have incomes of no more than \$12,569 for individual; \$16,862 for a married couple (at Federal Poverty Level).  People who receive SeniorCare are not eligible.	Predicted up to 10-25% savings on prescription drugs.  Many vendors, each offers different discounts on different drugs.	Medicare: 1-800-633-4227 www.medicare.gov  Ill. Dept. of Insurance, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP): 1-800-548-9034
<b>Medicaid</b>	All medications on this program's official list	Eligible for Medi-plan card or Spenddown, poverty level	Covers all prescriptions on this program's official list	Local Department of Human Services Office: 1-800-843-6154
<b>Tri-Care-for-Life (TFL) Program Military Retirees</b>	All medications on this program's official list	Must be retired from military service and be eligible for Medicare Part A, enrolled in Part B and registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System to receive benefits	\$3 co-pay for generic; \$9 cap for brand-name drugs	1-877-363-6337  U.S. Dept. of Defense, Military Health System: www.tricare.osd.mil
<b>U.S. Veterans' Administration</b>	All medications on this program's official list	Must be honorably discharged and meet income criteria	\$7 per prescription item	U.S. Veterans' Administration: 1-800-827-1000 www.va.gov

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## Other Programs

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<b>Medicare Supplemental Insurance Policies</b>	Pharmaceuticals on this program's official list	Medicare Supplement plans H, I, J offer some Rx coverage, with co-pays and deductibles	Contact SHIP for specific information on eligibility	www.medicare.gov  Ill. Dept. of Insurance, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP): 1-800-548-9034
<b>Manufacturer's Discount Drug Cards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together Rx</li> <li>• Lilly Answers</li> <li>• GlaxoSmithKline</li> <li>• Orange Card</li> </ul>	Each manufacturer determines the medications that will be low-cost or free and the eligibility criteria for their specific patient assistance program	Must be enrolled in Medicare, no prescription coverage.  Income guidelines vary by manufacturer – eligibility ranges from \$18,000 to \$30,000 for individual; \$24,000 to \$40,000 for a couple	Discounts vary per manufacturer  Some provide a savings of 20% - 40% on allowable medications  Some charge \$12 to \$15 per prescription	Contact each manufacturer directly by toll-free telephone number or web site.
<b>PhRMA Pharmaceutical Manufacturer Discount Program, Patient Assistance Programs</b>	PhRMA offers a directory of prescription drug assistance programs that list the names of the drug, the company and the toll-free number to call.	Income guidelines vary per manufacturer.  May receive some free or low-cost medications	Varies per manufacturer; Check web site or call or write for a directory of eligibility guidelines	Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America: www.phrma.org  To obtain a directory, call 1-202-835-3400 or write PhRMA, 1100 Fifteenth Street NW, Washington, DC 20005
<b>Internet Order</b>	Offered by many companies	Eligibility varies per company. Shipping and handling may apply	Discounts vary per company	CVS.com DestinationRX.com DrugPlace.com
<b>Mail Order</b>	AARP	\$19.95 membership	20 to 40% discount	1-800-456-2277
<b>Chain Drug Store Discounts</b>	CVS, Walgreens	No membership fee	Benefits vary per company	CVS: 1-888-607-4287
<b>Tool/Web Sites</b>	BenefitsCheckUp.Org	No income guidelines	Provides a comprehensive printout of eligible programs	www.benefitscheckup.org

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